

# Biodiversity Day 2018 promises exciting activities for visitors of all ages

**KUCHING:** A series of exciting public talks and hands-on science activities will be featured during Biodiversity Day 2018 this May 12, taking place on fifth floor of Imperial Hotel here from 9am to 5pm.

Held for the very first time outside Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC)'s own premises, the annual event is held in conjunction with International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) on May 22.

IBD'S theme for this year 'Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity' marks the 25th anniversary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and highlights the achievements made by parties to the convention on the local level.

The series of talks will kick off with a keynote address on 'Biodiversity, Ecosystem Changes and Conservation and Conservation in Malaysia' by

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia research fellow in botany and conservation biology Prof Emeritus Dato Dr Abdul Latiff Mohamad.

This will be followed by a talk on 'Green Intelligence' by Veera Sekaran – founder and managing director of Greenology, Singapore – that discusses smart applications on urban greening.

Prof Dr Andrew Alek Tuen, a research fellow at Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation (IBEC) in Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), will talk about the institute's research and outreach activities to address biodiversity conservation in Sarawak.

James Bali, a researcher with Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), will speak about the increasingly threatened sea mammal, the dugong.

Victor Luna Amin, also from SFC, will talk about traditional

knowledge and augury myths in biodiversity conservation.

Ch'ien Lee, a biologist-turned-photographer will share about the challenges and how the work of a wildlife photographer can have impact on conservation.

Ch'ien's captivating works on wildlife photography have been used by international publishers including National Geographic, the Smithsonian Institution and the BBC.

Entry to all talks and activities featured during Biodiversity Day 2018 is free to all members of the public.

Contact SBC at 082-610610 to speak to Nurulliza Murtadza or Constance Vanessa Victor for the itinerary and also to secure seats for the sessions.

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